



IndiaSkills 2021

For Prelims: IndiaSkills 2021, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

For Mains: Need for Skilling youth, related challenges and initiatives taken so far.

Why in News

IndiaSkills 2021 Nationals, the **country's biggest skill competition**, concluded recently.

Key Points

- **About:**
 - It is designed to **demonstrate the highest standards of skilling** and offers a platform to young people to showcase their talent at national and international levels.
 - IndiaSkills Competition is **held every two years** with the support of state governments and industry.
 - It has the potential to reach grassroot level and make an impact.
- **Participants:**
 - 30 states and Union Territories (UTs) participated in the competition and showcased their skills in 54 skills, including seven new-age ones, in 2021.
 - Skill areas include beauty therapy, [cyber security](#), floristry, robot system integration, [cloud computing](#), water technology, painting and decorating, health and social care, among others.
- **Nodal Agency:**
 - **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)**, working under the guidance of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
 - NSDC has been leading India's participation at the [WorldSkills International competitions](#) since 2011.
- **Performance of the States:**
 - Odisha topped the chart followed by Maharashtra and Kerala.
 - The winners of **IndiaSkills 2021 Nationals** will get a chance to represent the country at **WorldSkills International Competition** to be held in Shanghai, China in October 2022.
- **Need of the Skill Development:**
 - **Unskilled Labour Force:**
 - According to the [UNDP's Human Development Report-2020](#), only 21.1% of the labour force was skilled in the period 2010-2019 in India.
 - This dismal result is **due to lack of cohesion within policy actions, absence of holistic approach and working in silos.**
 - **Tackle the Rising Unemployment:**
 - India's [unemployment rate](#) reached an **all-time high** in 2020.
 - There were several factors responsible for this, including the coronavirus pandemic-induced lockdown.

◦ **Potential to contribute in the Economy:**

- According to the [World Economic Forum report](#) released in January 2021, investment in upskilling could potentially **boost the global economy by USD6.5 trillion by 2030**, and **India's economy by USD570 billion**.
- India had the second-highest additional employment potential through upskilling as it could add 2.3 million jobs by 2030, second only to the US's 2.7 million jobs.

Related Initiatives/Schemes

- [Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana \(PMKVY\)](#)
- [Recognition of Prior Learning](#)
- [National Career Service Project](#)
- [Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood \(SANKALP\)](#)
- [Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors' \(YUVA\) scheme](#)
- [Kaushalacharya Awards](#)
- [Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills \(SHREYAS\)](#)
- [Atmanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping \(ASEEM\)](#)
- [Skill Certification](#)

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